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Letter dated 28 October 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to draw your attention to new violations of the airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by Turkey's military air force, which were recorded as follows.

On 18 October 1994:

(a) From 1457 to 1527 hours, two Turkish air force fighter aircraft violated the north-western flight information region (FIR) of Nicosia, flying at a speed of 466 knots and at an altitude of 200 to 7,000 feet;

(b) From 1510 to 1536 hours, two Turkish air force fighter aircraft violated the north-western FIR of Nicosia, flying at a speed of 380 knots and at an altitude of 9,000 to 16,000 feet;

(c) From 1503 to 1549 hours, two Turkish air force fighter aircraft violated the north-western FIR of Nicosia, flying at a speed of 430 knots and at an altitude of 9,000 to 25,000 feet;

(d) From 1550 to 1616 hours, two Turkish air force fighter aircraft violated the north-western and northern FIR of Nicosia, flying at a speed of 450 knots and at an altitude of 5,000 to 18,000 feet.

On 19 October 1994:

(a) From 1021 to 1102 hours, four Turkish air force fighter aircraft violated the FIR of Nicosia. Two of these aircrafts, at 1027 hours, executed mock assaults and departed at 1057 hours at a speed of 450 knots and an altitude of 1,200 to 23,000 feet;

(b) From 1124 to 1156 hours, two Turkish air force fighter aircraft violated the FIR of Nicosia and executed mock assaults, flying at a speed of 450 knots and an altitude of 1,200 to 22,000 feet;

(c) From 1127 to 1143 hours, two Turkish air force fighter aircraft violated the airspace of Kormakitis at a speed of 358 to 500 knots and an altitude of 32,000 to 34,000 feet;

(d) From 1354 to 1558 hours, six formations of two Turkish air force fighter aircraft each violated the northern FIR of Nicosia and executed military exercises at a speed of 300 to 500 knots and an altitude of 300 to 23,000 feet.

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Cyprus, I wish to protest strongly these new violations of the airspace of the Republic and, once again, to point out that these repeated aggressive actions violate the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of the Republic of Cyprus and are contrary to the Charter of the United Nations as well as the resolutions of the General Assembly and of the Security Council on the question of Cyprus.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the forty-ninth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 51, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Alecos SHAMBOS
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